



## MINUTES



### CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION OCTOBER 22, 2008

**Call to Order/  
Pledge of Allegiance:** The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chairman Rivera, who led Commissioners and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Commissioners Absent:** McGovern, Siersema

**Commissioners Present:** Commissioners Harlow, Mason, Rivera, Spencer and Kirkorn were in attendance.

**Others Present:** Travis Hopkins, Director of Public Works  
Tony Olmos, City Engineer  
Bob Stachelski, Transportation Manager  
Linda Daily, Project Manager  
Joyce Greene, Administrative Assistant

## MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Harlow, seconded by Commissioner Spencer to approve the minutes of September 17, 2008.

VOTE:	The motion carried.
AYES:	4
NOES:	0
ABSENT:	2 (McGovern, Siersema)
ABSTENTIONS:	1 (Kirkorn)

## PRESENTATIONS-COMMENDATIONS

None

## ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

None

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## DIRECTOR'S ITEMS

The Mayor's Board and Commission Appreciation reception is scheduled for November 18, 2008, 6:00-8:00 PM at the Central Library, conference rooms C and D. Written invitations are forthcoming.

## INFORMATION ITEMS

- F-1. Active Capital Project Report – An update on active capital projects under construction, as well as those in the planning stage was presented for the Commission's information.

Commissioner Kirkorn inquired about the In-road Lighted Crosswalk located at Bushard Street and Yellowstone Drive asking when it will become operational. Bob Stachelski provided the update stating it went into effect on Monday and explained the process required to activate the lights.

Commissioner Kirkorn inquired on the Magnolia Street sidewalk. Tony Olmos provided an update. The traffic control plan has been submitted. The contractor stated he bid the project with closure of pedestrian access, resulting in the project being evaluated. Commissioner Kirkorn inquired how it was stated in the bid package. Mr. Olmos clarified the statement in the bid package and how it could have been misinterpreted. The construction time of the project will be shortened if pedestrian access is closed.

- F-2. Upcoming City Council Study Sessions – The City Council conducts public Study Sessions on the evenings of City Council meetings, normally beginning at 4:00 p.m., in Room B-8. A tentative listing of upcoming sessions is submitted for the Commission's information. Travis Hopkins informed the Commission since packets were mailed, the tentative listing for November 3, OCTA I-405 Freeway Update will not be held.

The November 10 listing for Special Council Meeting will be the Rip Curl project.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS

- G-1. Relocation of Crosswalk on Magnolia Street and Hyde Park Drive – Bob Stachelski presented the item. State law requires a public hearing to remove any crosswalk. The Public Works Commission provides the opportunity for the public hearing. The item was previously scheduled and posted with the October 15, 2008 meeting date. When the meeting was cancelled due to lack of quorum, the posting was updated with

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tonight's meeting date and time to meet State requirements. With the installation of a traffic signal and crosswalk on Magnolia Street at the entrance to the Home Depot, the crosswalk at Magnolia Street and Hyde Park Drive is no longer needed.

Commissioner Mason requested updated maps of the city that include school locations be provided to the Commissioners.

Motion by Commissioner Kirkorn, seconded by Commissioner Mason, to support the staff recommendation to remove/relocate the existing crosswalk at the intersection of Magnolia Street and Hyde Park Drive to the signalized location of Magnolia Street and the Home Depot driveway.

VOTE: The motion carried.  
AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 2 (McGovern, Siersema)  
ABSTENTIONS: 0

- G-2. Memo to City Council Regarding Maintenance of Edinger Parkway Landscaping – The item is continued from the previous meeting of September 17, 2008. The Public Works Commission had concerns over the Edinger Avenue Parkway Landscaping Improvements between Saybrook Lane and Countess Drive. It was the opinion of the Public Works Commission that the Sea Isle Garden Club was to maintain the landscaping. With the addition of an irrigation system and plant material the area will now require on-going maintenance. When City Council approved the project the requirements of on-going maintenance and associated costs were not addressed thus the project was approved without the inclusion of such.

The Public Works Commissions agreed to compose a memo and send to the City Council stating their objection to the change in responsibility from the Garden Club to the City. The draft memo was presented to the Commissioners and discussed.

Motion by Commissioner Harlow, seconded by Commissioner Kirkorn to finalize the memo with minor language changes as suggested by the Commissioners and the Director of Public Works.

VOTE: The motion carried.  
AYES: 5  
NOES: 0  
ABSENT: 2 (McGovern, Siersema)  
ABSTENTIONS: 0

G-3. Increase Change Order Limit for Newland Widening Project, CC-1095 – Tony Olmos presented background on the Newland Avenue Widening Project with a PowerPoint presentation. During the design phase, a plan from Southern California Edison (SCE) was presented. The project was awarded November 2007. The project included an item to place existing overhead SCE facilities underground via two (2) new conduits. After the project was awarded, SCE requested four (4) additional conduits for communications and future expansion of their system. In addition, Time Warner and Verizon requested seven (7) new conduits, as their facilities are currently located on the SCE poles and need to be undergrounded as well. If accommodated, these requests will result in a substantial increase in underground dry utility construction. As the contract has been awarded, the additional work would be authorized in the form of a change order. The merit of this considerable scope change has been carefully evaluated by Public Works staff. Two options were presented to the Commissioners.

Option 1 would perform the requested dry utility work resulting in additional funding in the amount of \$1.35 million to fully fund the revised project.

Option 2 would modify the scope of work to exclude the dry utility requirement along the east side of Newland Avenue and would reduce the shortfall. The undergrounding requirement would be included as a condition of development if and when AES redevelops/reconfigures their site. Discussion ensued.

Motion by Commissioner Harlow, seconded by Commissioner Spencer to recommend to City Council to

- 1) Approve a revised scope of work to omit the underground component of utility poles along the east side of Newland Avenue, excluding the area at the flood control channel.
- 2) Approve increase of the change order limit to a total of 26%, or \$1,050,00
- 3) Authorize \$100,000 to be appropriated from the Gas Tax fund balance to the project account.
- 4) Reallocate \$350,000 from approved supplemental expenses balance to change orders.

VOTE: The motion carried.

AYES: 3

NOES: 2 (Kirkorn, Rivera)

ABSENT: 2 (McGovern, Siersema)

ABSTENTIONS: 0

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## WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

## COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

Commissioner Harlow commented on the street lighting on Adams between Main Street and Lake Street. He requested a review to see if any improvement in street lighting is scheduled for this area.

Chairman Rivera inquired if any feedback had been received from the City Attorney's office related to State Highway Code § 1805 to possibly include alleys in street designation for use of Measure M funds. Mr. Hopkins has not had any feedback and will follow up with the City Attorney's Office. Mr. Hopkins informed the Commissioners the department is moving forward with surveying the alleys. The results of surveys will be available at the next Public Works Commission meeting.

Commissioner Kirkorn requested the Newland Street Widening project be reviewed and clarify some facts he felt are misstated. He also requested a review of the site.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Public Works Commission adjourned to the meeting date of Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 5:00 p.m., City Council Chambers. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

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George Rivera  
Chair



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Joyce A. Greene  
Administrative Assistant